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SUBJECT: CSU LAUNCHES BITTER ATTACK ON CDU LEADERSHIP

1. INTRO AND SUMMARY. CSU ORGAN "BAYERN KURIER" HAS SEIZED UPON RECENTLY PROMULGATED DRAFT CDU PROGRAM FOR REDUCTION IN UNEMPLOYMENT TO LAUNCH BITTER BUT IMPERSONAL ATTACK ON CDU LEADERSHIP. QUOTING STRAUSS, ARTICLE CHARACTERIZES CDU PROGRAM AS "UNCONSIDERED, UNREALISTIC AND BORROWED FROM SPD." ARTICLE SUGGESTS THAT CDU ACTION WILL HAVE REPERCUSSIONS IN JOINT CDU/CSU STRATEGY COMMISSION AND COULD GIVE NEW IMPULSE TO THE KREUTH IDEA. END SUMMARY.

2. JUNE 10 (SIC) ISSUE OF CSU ORGAN "BAYERN KURIER" CARRIES PAGE ONE ARTICLE LEVELING MOST STRIDENT CSU ATTACK ON CDU IN RECENT MONTHS. ENTITLED "WHAT ONE NEEDS TO BE REMINDED OF," ARTICLE ATTACKS CDU LEADERSHIP FOR PERMITTING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROMULGATION OF A DRAFT PROGRAM FOR REDUCING UNEMPLOYMENT WHICH WAS NOT WORKED OUT IN CONSULTATION WITH OR WITH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CSU, IS CONTRARY TO THE CONCEPT OF "SOCIAL MARKET ECONOMY," AND STANDS IN QUITE OBVIOUS CONTRADICTION TO OPPOSITION POLICIES WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF BINDING AGREEMENTS. ARTICLE ALSO CHARACTERIZES DRAFT PROGRAM AS REPRESENTING "FATAL TENDENCY" TO FOLLOW "POOR SOCIALIST EXAMPLES." IF DRAFT PROGRAM IS

FOLLOWED TO ITS LOGICAL CONCLUSION, SAYS ARTICLE, ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS FOR HOWEVER BRIEF A PERIOD WILL BE SENT BACK TO SCHOOL.

3. ARTICLE ALSO CLAIMS THAT THIS ACTION BY CDU WILL HAVE REPERCUSSIONS IN JOINT STRATEGY COMMISSION BOTH BECAUSE OF MANNER IN WHICH IT WAS WORKED OUT AND IN TERMS OF ITS CONTENT.

4. MOST OMINOUS ASPECT OF ARTICLE IS ITS DIRECT REFERENCE TO DECISION OF CSU BUNDESTAG DEPUTIES AT WILDBAD KREUTH LAST NOVEMBER TO CREATE SEPARATE CSU BUNDESTAG "FRAKTION." ARTICLE NOTES THAT CDU ACTION REMINDS ONE OF THE SITUATION WHICH GAVE IMPULSE TO THE KREUTH DECISION, AN IMPULSE WHICH, REMARKABLY, IS BEING TALKED ABOUT BY THOSE (I.E. IN CSU) WHO TOOK RESERVED POSITION TOWARD ORIGINAL KREUTH DECISION.

5. DESPITE ITS HARSH TONE, ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY EXPRESSING THAT CDU ACTION WAS AN UNINTENTIONAL LAPSE ("FEHLTRITT") WHICH WILL NOT BE REPEATED.

6. COMMENT. FROM POINT OF VIEW OF CSU CHAIRMAN FRANZ JOSEF STRAUSS, KOHL, STOLTENBERG AND OTHER CDU LEADERS HAVE HANDED CSU A DOBLE-BARRELED WEAPON WHICH CAN BE WIELDED TO CSU ADVANTAGE IN ONGOING KOHL-STRAUSS BATTLE OVER UNION STRATEGY. STRAUSS SEEMS DETERMINED TO USE ONE BARREL TO ATTACK CDU LEADERSHIP FOR FAILING TO CONSULT CSU ON A MAJOR POLICY ISSUE WHICH MIGHT PROBABLY HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED BY JOINT STRATEGY COMMISSION. HE WILL PRESUMABLY USE OTHER BARREL AGAINST OPPONENTS OF KREUTH WITHIN CSU RANKS.  
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